Mike Vanbuskirk

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summary

Lead engineer specializing in DevOps, cloud-first architecture, and automation.

I'm passionate about technology, like solving difficult problems, and never pass up an opportunity to expand my skillset. Experience building solutions in some of the largest CDN, Cloud, and E-Commerce platforms in the world.

- I believe an effective DevOps culture empowers fast, fearless releases and embraces modern solutions.
- I like to build testable, robust infrastructure(as code) for every team in the stack.
- I think simple automation can be a big win, and complexity isn't always correct.
- I'm also a blogger and freelance technical content creator.

Opinions expressed are solely my own and do not express the views or opinions of my employer.

experience

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Mar 2022 - Present | CoinList Senior DevOps Engineer

Designing and implementing automated, end-to-end cloud software deployments for data and application teams using IaC and CI/CD.

May 2021 - Mar 2022 | Altitude Networks Lead Infrastructure Engineer

Managed and modernized large serverless infrastructure deployment with Terraform.

May 2020 - Present | IOD Freelance Technical Writer

Provide expert technical content with a marketing focus to a variety of technology industry names.

Feb 2019 - May 2021 | Salesforce Lead DevOps Engineer

Supported two large-scale, customer facing SaaS products. Built cost analytics ETL platform using serverless.

Dec 2017 - Feb 2019 | Apptio Senior DevOps Engineer

Supported multiple service teams in building cloud applications. Designed and deployed multi-account IAM SSO infrastructure.

Jul 2016 - Nov 2017 | The Walt Disney Company Senior Systems Engineer

Built greenfield infrastructure deployments and provided operational support to Tier-1 services used by multiple Disney properties.
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Aug 2014 - Jul 2016 | Amazon Technical Operations Support Engineer

Provided operational support and contributed to service infrastructure buildout to AWS and Amazon.com

Jun 2013 - Aug 2014 | Centurylink/Level(3) CDN NOC Linux Admin

Linux sysadministration and NOC operational support for a major, nationally distributed CDN.

education

2009 - 2012 WGU | BSc - Networks Design & Management

languages

I'm most comfortable in Python, but can be productive in Bash, Golang, and a bit of Javascript. I've worked with a broad variety of tools, platforms, and philosophies within the SDLC lifecycle.